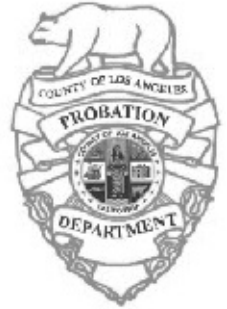




# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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**ADOLFO GONZALES**  
Chief Probation Officer

May 03, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PAYMENT TO MORRISON HEALTHCARE, INC FOR YOUTH AND STAFF MEALS PROVIDED  
AT CENTRAL JUVENILE FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER OF YOUTH AND STAFF TO BARRY J.  
NIDORF JUVENILE HALL**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

## **SUBJECT**

Request delegated authority from the Board of Supervisors (Board) for the Probation Department (Probation) to pay Morrison Healthcare, Inc. (Morrison) for youth and staff meals and related expenses for meals provided at Central Juvenile Hall related to the March 12, 2022, transfer of youth and staff to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH).

## **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize Probation to reimburse Morrison for meal services provided to youth and staff and related expenses at Central Juvenile Hall (CJH), at an estimated amount of \$200,000 due to the unanticipated transfer of youth and staff from this facility.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board delegated authority for Probation to reimburse Morrison for their costs incurred to provide uninterrupted meal services for youth and staff

who remained at CJH after most youth and staff were transferred to BJNJH over the weekend of March 12, 2022.

The requested reimbursement authority also includes reimbursement to Morrison for accommodation and commute costs provided to their culinary staff who were moved from CJH to BJNJH to address greater meal preparation needs at BJNJH. Hotel accommodations are not part of our standard food service agreement but are believed by Probation to be appropriate in this instance due to the extensive additional commute burden Morrison's kitchen staff would otherwise endure and given the modest compensation level of the effected Morrison kitchen staff. On March 31, 2020, your Board approved a similar payment arrangement with Morrison related to the October 10, 2019 evacuation of Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) due to the Saddleridge Fire emergency.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal III: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today. Specifically, it will address Strategy III.3 to Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Probation has sufficient available appropriation to fund these services. The estimated cost is anticipated to be \$200,000 but may vary depending on the volume of meals served each day and the timeframe before return of youth and staff to CJH.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On Friday, March 11, 2022, Probation was notified by a representative of the Board of State and Community Corrections that effective Monday, March 14, youth would temporarily not be allowed to be housed at CJH. Over the weekend of March 12, Probation relocated CJH youth to BJNJH. This necessary action impacted the contracted food services program provided by Morrison. There was insufficient opportunity to provide advance notice to Morrison and its team member.

CJH continues to operate as an intake resource youth arriving from various law enforcement interactions. In addition, a volume of medical, mental health, and educational services continue commensurate with workload, and the Eastlake Court continues operations. Morrison is providing meal services for a reduced number of applicable staff including staff from partner agencies, and for incoming youth while they await intake, assessment, and medical clearance prior to transport to BJNJH.

Probation and Morrison have collaborated on determining a just and reasonable method of compensation for the disruption to Morrison's food preparation operations, supply chain continuum, and the loss of economic efficiency due to the sudden reduced daily meals preparation volume of 89%, from approximately 700 to 75.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The requested action will allow Probation to reimburse Morrison for the reasonable costs of meal preparation for a reduced volume of meal needs and given unavoidable fixed infrastructure and

supply issues any similarly situated vendor would incur following an unanticipated disruption to their operations. Probation is grateful for the collaboration with Morrison and their ability to quickly adapt to ensure uninterrupted meal services to our youth, our employees, and our partner entities. The inclusion of hotel and commute costs are a reasonable expense given the dislocation of Morrison's kitchen staff.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Adolfo Gonzales".

ADOLFO GONZALES

Chief Probation Officer

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c: Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board  
County Counsel  
Chief Executive Officer